

DNA Operationalisation

An Update of Country activities and
plans in Solomon Islands

Overview

- Background to DNA Establishment in S.I.
- The in-country Workshops
- Development of Operation Manual and Website
- Activities and future outlook

Background to DNA Establishment in Solomon Islands

Common Issue for Parties if it wishes to host a CDM Project. It has to:

- Ratify the KP
- Designate a DNA
- Inform the EB of the CDM about the DNA being established
- Issue non-conditional letter of Approval for each proposed CDM project

Background to DNA Establishment in Solomon Islands

In the case of Solomon Islands,

The establishment of the DNA was made possible through the ADB Regional Technical Assistance (RETA 7394) called “Strengthening the Capacity of Pacific Developing Member Countries to Respond to Climate Change (Phase 1)”

Under RETA 7394 (above): **Output 3: Support for Upscaling renewable energy technologies and Capacity Building for CDM and Establishment of DNAs.**

The Output also focuses on the identification and promotion of results-oriented mitigation projects, such as (i) identification of renewable energy projects suitable for upscaling, and (ii) support for carbon trading through renewable energy projects. It comprises two sub-outputs: (i) development of renewable energy projects, and (ii) support for carbon trading through CDM capacity development.

In country Workshops (ADB RETA 7394, Output 3)

1. Capacity Building workshop on Establishment of the Designated National Authority – February 2011.
2. Consultation and training workshop on DNA Guidelines and Operational Manual and CDM capacity Building workshop – April 2011.
3. Practical Training Workshop on Solomon Islands DNA Guidelines and Operational Manual (includes simulation exercise on approval process) - June 2011.

Key Ministries to the workshops include:

Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock; Ministry of Development Planning; Ministry of Mines, Energy and Rural Electrification; Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Employment; Ministry of Forests & Research; Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology; Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Lands, Housing & Survey; Also Private Sector and NGO representatives.

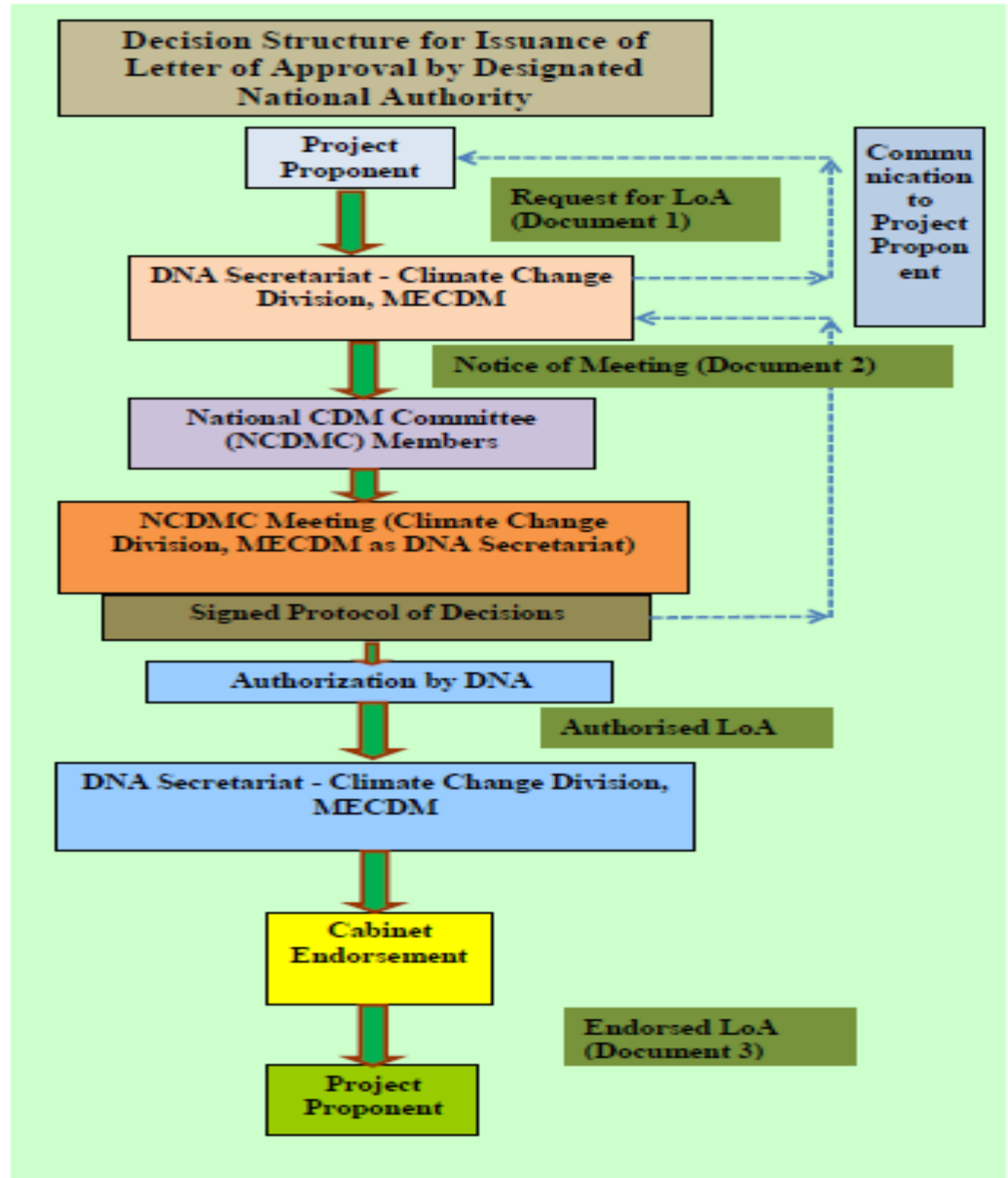
Development of DNA Operation Manual

- The development of the DNA Operation Manual took place right through the course of the series of workshops
- Only got finalised during the third workshop.
- There was simulation exercise on the approval processes based on the developed operation manual at the end of the third workshop
- Operation Manual was then sent to Cabinet for their approval and endorsement
- Following Cabinet Approval, Letter notifying the establishment of the DNA was sent to the UNFCCC Secretariat by the Minister
- A website has been developed also and this sits under the Solomon Islands Meteorological Service Website (<http://www.met.gov.sb/Climate%20Change.htm>). Website is however, being reviewed due to alterations/requirements by Solomon Telekom (web host)

The DNA Structure and Approval Process

Note:

There is an established National CDM Committee. This is the working committee that decides on whether to issue LON or LOA. The DNA is only there to sign off on the decisions by the NCDMC.



Activities and Future Outlook

- Being small and marginalised there hasn't been much interests shown by any project developer for CDM Project.
- There have been very few queries and only one (seemed to be a serious enquirer) who sent a submission of PoA containing PINs
- The NCDMC are yet to sit and deliberate on the submission
- Some inquiries have been made to useful networks to help guide the process of discussion by the NCDMC.

Activities and Future Outlook

- Currently we are being encouraged to develop a PoA (advantage through the softening of CDM rules)
- Three CPAs are in pipeline, namely: (*as presented earlier*)

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Thank you for listening